

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Thibaut MONTANARI et al.

Examiner: Ana Lucrecia Woodward

Serial No.: 10/055,907

Group Art Unit: 1711

Filed: January 28, 2002

Title: POLYAMIDE-BASED TRANSPARENT COMPOSITION

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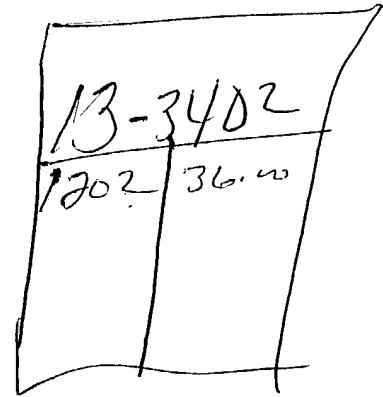
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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.



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a (presumably non-transparent) composition is taught as being unsuitable in the primary reference.

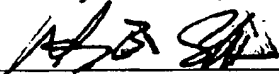
Moreover, as discussed in the present specification, for example, at page 4, the second full paragraph, Schmid is consistent with the prior art in which the amorphous polyamide of a blend contains aromatic units. The disadvantage of the incorporation of such aromatic units is the necessary use of high blending temperature, resulting in risk of degradation and undesirable rigidity of the resulted product. Schmid discloses that their composition requires 25 to 45 mol parts of at least one aromatic dicarboxylic acid and, accordingly, does not suggest the presently claimed blend. Support for the exclusion of aromatic materials may be found in the present specification at page 4, line 27 through page 5, line 4.

Giroud-Abel, cited for its alleged teaching of the conventionality of adding elastomers to a blend, does nothing to remedy the deficiencies of the above two noted references. Accordingly, it is submitted that the claims are not suggested by this combination of references, and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C §103 is respectfully requested.

The claims of the application are submitted to be in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner has any questions or comments, she is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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